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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Theresa Seal on 12/09/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

SPECIFCATION

Page 1, delete lines 3-5.

Page 6, line 17, replace "Velcro r straps" with - - hook and loop straps such as that sold under the trademark VELCRO - -,

Page 7, line 11, delete "generally triangular-shaped", and

Page 8, line 18, replace "Velcro r straps" with - - hook and loop straps such as that sold under the trademark VELCRO - -.

- 2. Provisional application serial number 60/421,165 was filed 10/28/02, which is more than one year prior to the filing date of the instant application. The claim for priority is denied and the reference to the provisional application has been deleted from the first sentence of the specification.
- 3. The drawings filed 03/29/05 are accepted.

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4. The IDS filed 10/31/03 has been considered. An initialed copy of the 1449 form

is attached.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Robert J. Canfield whose telephone number is 571-272-

6840. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for

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Robert J Canfield Primary Examiner

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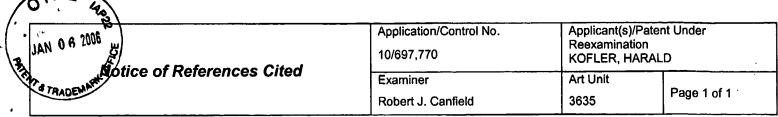
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